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11/02/2009 12:08 PM

To FilmWest <filmwest@gmail.com>  
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Subject Re: EPA visit to Libby on October 22 and DEQ Job Profile

I said a week- and since we talked Friday, 10/30, that means at least until the 6th. I talked to my staff today as this is the first time since the snow that everyone is in and told them we had a week to get the response together which makes it the 9th.

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Subject Re: EPA visit to Libby on October 22 and DEQ Job Profile

You indicated I would hear from you tomorrow 11/3---did that change?

On 11/2/09 12:54 PM, "Campbell.Carol@epamail.epa.gov"  
<Campbell.Carol@epamail.epa.gov> wrote:

> We are working on your budget request. I have asked my staff to look  
> into all of the issues you raised with me over the phone and I will be  
> getting back to you by 11/9. You should contact the State of Montana  
> for your issues with Catherine. Sandi Olsen at 406-841-5001, email  
> solsen@state.mt.us is in charge of the DEQ's Remediation Division which  
> Catherine is employed in... cc

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10/31/2009  
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Subject  
Re: EPA visit to Libby on October

22 and DEQ Job Profile

> Both would be great. Thanks.

> On 10/31/09 12:09 PM, "Campbell.Carol@epamail.epa.gov" <  
> Campbell.Carol@epamail.epa.gov> wrote:

> Do you want future budget or money spent to date or both  
> Sent by EPA Wireless E-Mail Services

> From: FilmWest [filmwest@gmail.com]  
> Sent: 10/31/2009 09:55 AM MST  
> To: Carol Campbell  
> Subject: Re: EPA visit to Libby on October 22 and DEQ Job Profile

> I have requested a copy of the budget several times. How do we get  
> one?

> Sent from my iPhone

> On Oct 28, 2009, at 4:16 PM, Campbell.Carol@epamail.epa.gov wrote:

> Thanks for the email. I am looking into this  
> Sent by EPA Wireless E-Mail Services

> From: FilmWest [filmwest@gmail.com]  
> Sent: 10/28/2009 02:35 PM MST  
> To: "LeCours, Catherine" <clecours@mt.gov>; Carol Campbell;  
> Robert Ward; Cory Rumples  
> Cc: Andy Lensink  
> Subject: Re: EPA visit to Libby on October 22 and DEQ Job  
> Profile

> On 10/28/09 1:01 PM, "FilmWest" <filmwest@gmail.com <  
> mailto:filmwest@gmail.com> > wrote:

> Catherine,

> I have spoken to numerous officials and  
> representatives during the past few weeks in an effort  
> to get the right attention to these concerns in Libby  
> as swiftly as possible.

> I have experienced everything from neglect and no  
> return phone calls, to a growing number of people who  
> have seen the facts and express the same concerns both  
> inside and outside the agencies. None of these  
> conversations caused more concern than the one I had  
> with you yesterday. I hope it was a complete accident,

> and uncommon for your office. The only way I can  
> describe it, is : chilling.

> Because you are a site manager, but stated you had not  
> recently been on site, you heard every detail we could  
> think to relate to you about what is happening in  
> Libby. You know that people have already died from  
> exposure. I indicated to you it is now a concern that  
> people have said they are experiencing new respiratory  
> issues and other symptoms. I told you I had watched  
> four people die this past year from exceptionally rare  
> auto immune diseases and my growing awareness of  
> various others. I indicated after researching medical  
> studies linking asbestos exposure to auto immune  
> disease this past week, I realized the numbers don't  
> add up ( all four diseases are contracted by one in  
> millions, one of the disorders is contracted by 1 in  
> 10,000,000 another 1 in 30,000,000, etc--- Libby's  
> population is less than 5,000) I now think there may  
> be some correlation to their exposure to the asbestos  
> in Libby. I communicated this to a Specialist at  
> Oregon Health and Sciences University who seems to  
> concur. You can do your own research and draw the same  
> conclusions. The studies and information are  
> voluminous.

> I never gave it a second thought before, never made a  
> connection at all. Then, a few weeks ago, while  
> visiting Montana and Glacier park, I began  
> experiencing the dust. It was dust in blankets, dust  
> in soft moving clouds, dust in gritty spritzes,  
> sometimes just dust. But, it was constant and did not  
> let up. The noise and movement in that cleanup  
> headquarters yard was constant and exhaustive. I could  
> not believe what I was seeing and hearing, but most of  
> all feeling. I went over to the headquarters. I had  
> originally thought it was wonderful when I heard Libby  
> had more help, more efforts committed. Nothing could  
> have prepared me for those 'efforts'.

> All we could think about were the blatantly obvious  
> imminent safety concerns, and thought , ' How and why  
> is this happening?' and 'Who is allowing this and  
> making these decisions?'

> I then started reaching out to anyone who was in a  
> decision making capacity that could hear these  
> concerns and see what we were seeing.

> You heard and saw and your response was chilling. You  
> expressed absolutely no concern. You seemed  
> inconvenienced.  
> It was all about you. Your job. The way you do your  
> job. The way you see this. Your efforts to qualify my  
> concerns.

> But you are not there. You stated more than once you  
> have never been there. You are not breathing the  
> deadly dust.

> Your comments during our communication prompted a

> request for a copy of your job description so we might  
> better understand the agency structures.  
> ( a portion of your job description is pasted below: )  
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> This position is relied upon to identify and reduce  
> unacceptable public health and environmental risks due  
> to hazardous substance releases; therefore, accuracy  
> and sound judgment are essential.  
> Field work includes site data collection, oversight,  
> or inspection activities. Travel and field  
> investigations may involve long working hours, adverse  
> weather, potential exposure to hazardous substances,  
> and arduous physical activity.  
> Management and Supervision of Others:  
> Identification of need, and as necessary, direction of  
> private consultants and contractors  
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> How can you inspect and/or collect data, identify and  
> reduce public health and environmental risks if you do  
> not REGULARLY go to the sites?  
> How can you direct the contractors? The headquarters  
> base camp seems to be the obvious first place to go.  
> Why have you NEVER been there?  
> You stated the concerns I expressed had nothing to do  
> with you and were not your responsibility.  
> All of these same concerns are referenced in your job  
> description as absolutely your responsibility.  
> You indicated you had not visited any of the cleanup  
> sites in Libby last week after traveling 5-6 hours to  
> get there from Helena. When I asked you why the  
> cleanup headquarters is based in a school zone,  
> residential area near the communities food sources and  
> hotels, you stated you have never been onsite at the  
> headquarters and didn't know where it was. When I  
> asked you 'Isn't that part of your responsibility as  
> Manager?' You said, 'No' I stressed over and over a  
> concern that you look at things more carefully in  
> Libby. That you please get involved. And referenced  
> the people. You were unmoved. I have sensed this from  
> other representatives as well, but your response was  
> deafening.  
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> I hope by today you have re-thought your position. I  
> do not know you, nor do I wish to make personal  
> slights. This is not about you, only the way you do  
> your job and the people who depend upon you for their  
> safety, and maybe ultimately their lives. No amount of  
> power or bureaucracy is worth people losing their  
> lives over. I urge you to see this differently, to  
> affect immediate change everywhere you can in a way  
> that benefits people. Forget yourself. Do it for the  
> people.  
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> I silently hope that each of you put all meetings on  
> hold and facilitate action. Stop the cleanup until it  
> is safe. In it's current state, the cleanup has very  
> possibly further endangered people. It has very  
> possibly simply exacerbated a very serious problem.  
> Many of the hazards are unknown, and it is  
> understandable that there has been an effort made to  
> get rid of this dangerous material but it is a waste  
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EPA's No. 2 visits Superfund site in Libby

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The EPA's Victor Ketellapper, from left, Mike Cirian and Mathy Stanislaus discuss Superfund issues on Thursday at the former export plant site in Libby.

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By Canda Harbaugh, The Western News

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The City-County Health Board meeting in Libby Thursday featured a top Environmental Protection Agency official that embraced the theme of increasing the EPA's transparency, accessibility and cooperation with the community.

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Mathy Stanislaus, assistant administrator for the EPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, took charge of the nation's Superfund sites after being confirmed to the position in June.

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He took a tour of some of the site's operable units last week and participated in the meeting to get a feel for the community's concerns.

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'I very much come from a perspective of communities having a strong role in the decisions of government,' Stanislaus said. 'I've really impressed on my staff that we provide access and transparency in a way that communities can participate effectively through all of the decisions that we make.'

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Allan Payne, an attorney helping the City of Libby through the Superfund process, complimented Stanislaus on his environmental

> justice work and one of his past speeches that  
> emphasized community involvement.

> <sup>3</sup>That's critical for this community,<sup>2</sup> Payne  
> said. <sup>3</sup>Those are uplifting words for us. Those  
> are very powerful things and I know that there's  
> substance behind those.<sup>2</sup>

> Though board members spoke in congenial tones,  
> they described their frustration with the EPA  
> and the Superfund process.

> Concerns included:

> € Asbestos cleanup occurring before the results  
> of toxicity studies.

> € Toxicity studies using old science and not  
> integrating childhood exposures.

> € Institutional controls and the financial  
> burden that could potentially be left with local  
> government once the EPA declares the site clean.

> € Bureaucracy and perceived political motivation  
> dictating decisions.

> € Distrust produced from the EPA not involving  
> the community in the process.

> € Challenges associated with the negative  
> national attention stemming from the Libby area  
> being a Superfund site.

> <sup>3</sup>It was a good listening session for Mathy to  
> hear the concerns directly from the community,<sup>2</sup>  
> said John Konzen, county commissioner and  
> City-County Health Board chair. <sup>3</sup>I thought he  
> listened and asked some good questions.<sup>2</sup>

> Brad Black, county health officer and physician  
> at the Center for Asbestos Related Disease,  
> asked how the EPA could implement Records of  
> Decision and perform cleanups without knowing  
> the risk level associated with Libby amphibole  
> asbestos. The former screening plant and  
> city-owned former export plant are scheduled to  
> have RODs early next year.

> <sup>3</sup>Certainly now as we're talking about moving  
> from emergency removal to remediation, this is  
> where we start setting standards of cleanup,<sup>2</sup>  
> Black said. <sup>3</sup>We've been talking about RODs, and  
> yet in our mind, we're saying, €Look, we don't  
> have a baseline risk assessment - how in the  
> world are we going to clean it up right?<sup>12</sup>

> Stanislaus said that toxicity studies will  
> continue to be a priority, but in the meantime,  
> the exposure path must be broken as soon as

